

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 21, 2004. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, and 11 are currently pending. As indicated above, Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended, and Claims 3, 6, and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner finds allowable subject matter in Claims 3, 6, 10, and 11.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Durrant et al.* (U.S. 5,680,414), and Claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Czaja et al.* (U.S. 6,424,631).

As indicated above, independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claims 3, 6, and 10, respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of Claims 1, 4, and 7 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 4, and 7 are in condition for allowance, and at least because of their dependence upon these claims, dependent Claims 2, 5, 8-9, and 11 are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, and 11, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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